

different forms to suit the times and peoples. Noah was "a preacher of righteousness;" Moses proclaimed liberty from bondage; Jonah carried a call to repentance and Hosea told of the gracious reception for those who would return. Isaiah in vivid pictures shows the sinfulness of the people and the judgments of God but says, "for all this his anger is not turned away but his hand is stretched out still." The world has changed in many ways and the barbarism of the days of Nineveh has largely passed away but the people of to day sin against greater light and therefore have the greater condemnation. And just as God gave Noah and Jonah and the rest a message so he has given us a message to carry to the ends of the earth, and tho he may not cause a fish to swallow us if we disobey yet love ought to compel us to gladly do all we can to fulfill the command. Our human natures often rebel just as Jonah's did and we can learn from his experience many valuable lessons. In studying this lesson suppose we compare his work with our own. Let each of six leaders take one of the following topics and discuss it more fully allowing the younger members to read the references for them.

1. *The wicked city Nineveh and the wicked world to-day.* Tell about Nineveh. Jonah 1:2. Consult a Bible dictionary if possible. Show how the world to-day needs the same message. Speak of our great cities and of heathen lands and the great crowd of "moral people" who "are just as good as church members," yet are sinners and disobedient to God. See Matt. 13:38; Rom. 3:9, 10; II Tim. 3:16.

2. *The love of God the same yesterday, to-day and forever.* Show how God has expressed his love in the past and how he is doing so to-day. Speak of the prophets, of the voice of nature, of the Bible and of Christ who died for men. Show how God draws men by love instead of compelling them by force to serve him. John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Heb. 13:8.

3. *Human agents used.* Show how God cannot fully reveal his love except thru agents capable of loving. He sent prophets in olden times and sends his people to-day. "We are workers together with him." Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15-20; Matt. 21:28; II Cor. 6:1; Isa. 52:7; Luke 14:23.

4. *The dangers of human weakness.* Jonah 1:3, 17. Jonah surmised that if the people would repent God would spare them, and so narrow was his heart that rather than see his own prediction fail he ran away leaving the millions of the city to perish. Show how we are likewise tempted to sit in our ceiled houses and enjoy our luxuries while our Lord's command is far from being fulfilled. We need to beware. Matt. 26:41; Heb. 3:12-15; Heb. 4:11.

5. *The power of God's word.* Jonah 3:6, 10. The people, depraved as they were, heeded the message. We may consider some cases and some countries hopeless to-day but who knows what transformations persistent preaching of the word will effect. It is quick and powerful, and sin itself smites with conviction. At any rate it is for us to give the message and let God give the increase. Isa. 55:11; I Cor. 3:6; Heb. 4:12; Matt. 16:18; Gal. 6:9; Heb. 6:10.

6. *The need of submission to God's will.* Jonah wanted to die because God spared the city contrary to his prediction that in forty days it should be destroyed. There are those to day who rather than give up their pet plans or yield to others for the sake of peace, will smash a church and imperil immortal souls. Rather than be in a bad light themselves they would destroy a city. How foreign to Christian love is such a spirit! Learn to follow not Jonah but Christ. Eph. 4:32; Gen. 8:20-23; Rev. 22:17.

FOR OPEN DISCUSSION

1. What is a missionary?
2. What constitutes a call for you?
3. Why have we not done more for missionary work?
4. How did the early church carry on missionary work?
5. How can children be missionaries?

6. What will be our punishment if we disobey?
7. What can we learn from Moses as a missionary? Ex. 4:10; from Isaiah. Isa. 6:13; from Christ, Luke 4:18, and 5:32. Acts 10:38

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Church News

Minutes of the Kanemorado District Conference, held at Hamlin, Kansas, Sept. 20-23

Pursuant to the call of the moderator of the last conference, the churches again meet in annual conference to transact the business of the district and carry out the program arranged by the Executive committee of last year.

Conference opened with prayer by the moderator, Eld. C. Forney, after which Eld. J. E. Braker took charge of the organ and led in singing, "Jesus lover of my soul." The moderator then read for a Scripture lesson, the fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. The audience sang, "Lord Jesus I long to be perfectly whole," followed by prayer offered by A. J. Hixson.

The moderator then appointed the following committees: G. J. Wolters, Samuel Kimmel and John Burnworth, as a committee on Credentials; Mrs. Wallace, M. Lichty, and H. S. Enslow, as a committee on Organization.

While these committees were in session, under the head of five minute talks on "What do I expect from this conference?" A. J. Hixson said: "The great need of this conference was a spirit of co-operation among pastors and members, and that we need to get acquainted with methods of church work and he trusted this conference would bring us closer together."

J. R. Kimmel said: "All expected some benefit; he came to get advanced ideas and a better method of work. The great need was to help isolated churches, and to encourage isolated members to colonize instead of scattering as they often do. He hoped this conference would do something more practical in the past. J. D. McFaden would like to see the conference help first, the Hamlin church; second, the community; third, the churches of this community, by its spiritualizing influence."

J. E. Braker said: "He expected to get a spiritual uplifting, which can be done by being prayerful, earnest and helpful to one another, then something will be accomplished."

The committee on Credentials made a partial report in which the following churches were represented: Falls City, Hamlin, Portis, Pony Creek, North Bethany. M. Lichty made a motion that C. Forney be added to the list of delegates as representing Beaver City, Neb., and Maple Grove, Kan., and the report be adopted and the committee be continued. Carried.

The committee on Organization reported the following: For president, J. D. McFaden; secretary, J. E. Braker; for treasurer, Eli Berkley. The report was accepted. A. J. Hixson moved that sister M. Lichty be chosen assistant secretary. Carried. The audience then joined in a hymn of praise.

J. D. McFaden on taking the chair made a few remarks signifying his intention to do all in his power to help the conference, altho he had hoped to be excused on account of the conference being held in his home church. He then proceeded to appoint a committee on Committees, his choice being C. Forney, A. J. Hixson and M. P. Eglen.

A. J. Hixson moved that every delegate present at this conference be requested to be present at every session unless excused by the conference. Carried.

The committee on Committees reported the following on Program: M. Lichty, J. R. Kimmel and sister Laura Wallace. The secretary made a motion that every delegate be required to vote on every question that comes before the conference. Carried. Audience sang and conference adjourned, being dismissed by J. E. Braker.

EVENING SESSION

Opened at 7:30, according to program, with devotional service led by H. S. Enslow, of Ottawa, Kan., followed by a song service, led by Brother Braker. C. Forney, retiring moderator, then preached the annual sermon, which was very helpful; full of rich spiritual thought on the subject, "The Building Fitly Framed." Eph. 2:21. It was suggestive of building along lines of conference work, and listened to with a great deal of interest. The moderator then made the announcements for the next day, appointing Brother Braker to lead the sunrise meeting. Conference then adjourned, being dismissed by Rev. M. L. Kemp, pastor of the Baptist church of Hamlin.

MORNING SESSION, SEPT. 21

Meeting was called to order by the moderator at 9:40. L. G. Wood led in devotional service. The minutes of the previous session were then read and after a slight correction were approved.

The committee on Credentials reported that two delegates, J. B. Whipkey and David Kelso of Carleton, Neb., were present without credentials, and recommended that they be placed on enrollment as delegates. The report was accepted. There was a motion made that a committee be appointed to receive and act upon all papers sent to the conference. Carried.

According to program, E. L. Yoder, of Pony Creek church, Kan., addressed the conference on the subject of "Loyalty to the Church." Full of helpful thought, reviewing somewhat the early organization of the Brethren church, calling special attention to her creed, (the Revised New Testament) and her motto: "In essentials, unity. In non essentials, liberty. In all things, charity." The address was ably discussed by M. Lichty, A. J. Hixson. Audience then sang "Loyalty to Christ." A motion was made to limit all discussion to five minutes for each speaker. Carried.

The discussion of the same subject was then continued by H. S. Enslow, J. R. Kimmel, G. John Wolters, C. Forney, John Burnworth, and J. B. Whipkey.